THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (c)The knob, not the body of the pressure regulator is made of plastic. When Pin Type regulators were initially introduced in the market, there were a few complaints regarding breakage of the knob. By using superior quality material for the knob and improving the design of the Pressure Regulators, this defect has been overcome.

(b) Damaged/defective pressure regulators are replaced free of charge. The tariff rate (currently Rs. 75) is charged only if it is established that the damage has been caused due to a tampering/negligence on the part of the consumer.

Delivery time for LPG Refill

56. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any normal delivery time has been fixed by Government for supply of LPG refill by an LPG dealer to a consumer;

(b) if so, what is the normal delivery time stipulated for this purpose; and whether this is being implemented;

(c) Whether Government is aware that LPG dealers for NOIDA take minimum two weeks time for supply of a refill to the consumer of LPG residing there; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The LPG distributors are under instruction to supply LPG refills to their consumers within 24 hours of booking.

(c) and (d) A backlog in supply of refills developed at several locations including NOIDA in the last two months on account of factors like seasonal increase in demand, Industrial Relation and operational problems at certain bottling plants and transportation bottlenecks etc. The oil companies endeavour to augment supplies, to the extent feasible by moving LPG refills from other sources, to take care of the increased demand etc.

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57. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन में सेल्स अफसर और फील्ड अफसर के रूप में कार्यरत व्यक्ति पिछले तीन वर्षों से इन्हीं पदों पर काम कर रहे हैं यद्यपि उन्हें असिस्टेंट मैनेजर के रूप में पदोन्नत किया जा चुका है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या उन्हें निकट भविष्य में स्थानान्तरित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर हां, हो तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) में वर्णित पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तो क्या उन्हें भरे जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) से (ग) फील्ड में काम कर रहे आई० ओ० सी० के